

# Water Quality and Quantity

Water is the life-blood of Utah’s desert environment. From lush mountain meadows to harsh desert valleys, water holds everything together – making the land inhabitable by people and wildlife. Utah is the second driest state, receiving an average of only 13 inches of precipitation a year. Yet we consume about 293 gallons per person per day, over half of which is used to water lawns and gardens. As Utah’s population continues to grow, it is important to conserve and protect water quality.



## CHOICES:

- ✓ Consider using native plants that use less water.
- ✓ Water lawns and gardens only in early morning or late evening to avoid the heat of the day.
- ✓ Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation systems for trees and shrubs.
- ✓ Never dump anything down a storm drain or drainage ditch. Storm drains flow directly to a creek or stream, without any treatment.
- ✓ Use fertilizers and pesticides only when needed and follow application instructions. Fertilizers promote algae growth in our waterways.
- ✓ Sweep outside instead of using the hose.
- ✓ Take short showers and turn off the water when you brush your teeth.
- ✓ Learn more about water conservation at: [www.conservewater.utah.gov/](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/)

**Did You Know?** A five minute shower uses 12 to 25 gallons while a full tub requires about 70 gallons. Switching to an ultra low-flow showerhead could save you as much as 2.5 gallons every minute you shower.



## MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	Cinco de Mayo 5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mother’s Day 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	Memorial Day 28	29	30	31		